Matter of James L. Martin, Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, No. UPL-3, 1992 (1992)

Nature of Case:

After investigation of the legal practice activities in the State of Delaware of Martin, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with the Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law directed against Martin. The petition alleged that Martin had held himself out as a Delaware lawyer, given legal advice and drafted legal documents, appeared in tribunals for clients, and had taken legal fees from clients. When Martin did not file a response to the petition, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed a motion to have the allegations therein deemed admitted.

Action Taken by the Court:

Since Martin had been given adequate notice of the charges filed against him and had not responded thereto, the Board ruled, by Order dated December 7, 1992, that the allegations contained in the petition were deemed admitted, and declared that Martin's legal practice activities constituted the unauthorized practice of law. Martin, along with all persons acting in concert with him, was enjoined from assuming or attempting to practice law directly or indirectly in the State of Delaware, and was directed to immediately cease and desist from all such activities.